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## NEBRASKA DECEMBER 1, 2005 GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

LINCOLN, Neb., January 12, 2006 -- **Corn** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 1.18 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last year and the largest total since 1987, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Of the total stocks, 780 million bushels are stored on farms, up 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 404 million bushels, are up 12 percent from 2004.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 182 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year and the largest total ever. On-farm stocks are a new record at 68 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks of 114 million bushels are also a record high, up 20 percent from 2004.

**Wheat** stored in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 39.5 million bushels, down 13 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks of 8.5 million bushels are up 20 percent from 2004. Off-farm stocks, at 31.0 million bushels, are down 19 percent from last year.

**Sorghum** stored in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 25.0 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2004. On-farm stocks are 5.4 million bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 19.6 million bushels, are 7 percent less than a year earlier.

**Hay stocks** on Nebraska farms totaled 4.6 million tons on December 1, 2005, up 5 percent from 2004.

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